

REMARKS

Claims 7, 8, and 10-13 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 9, and 14 have been cancelled. Claims 7, 8, 10, and 11 have been amended. Claim 12 is in independent form.

Claims 1, 2, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0209655 to Wang ("the '655 reference"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 2, and 14. Thus, the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 14 is moot.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '655 reference be withdrawn.

Claims 6-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '655 reference, as applied to claim 1 above, in view of U.S. Patent 5,913,245 to Grossman ("the '245 reference"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants have cancelled claims 6 and 9. Thus, the rejection of claims 6 and 9 is moot.

The Examiner has allowed claims 12 and 13.

Applicants have amended claims 7, 8, 10, and 11 to depend from allowable claims 12 and 13 and, as such, claims 7, 8, 10, and 11 are construed to incorporate by reference all the limitations of the claim to which they refer, *see* 35 U.S.C. §112, fourth paragraph. Thus, claims 7, 8, 10, and 11 are allowable.


Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 6-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '655 reference, as applied to claim 1 above, in view of the '245 reference be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

As stated above, the Examiner has allowed claims 12 and 13.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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